

ASSERTS. S. NAVY WILL RANK SECOND

Senator Swanson Cites Growth of Fleet When Program Is Completed.

THRICE NUMBER OF SHIPS

When the present building program of the Navy is completed the United States will easily have the second largest navy in the world, Senator Swanson said today, praising the rapidity and thoroughness with which the Navy has rounded into shape for the war. He pointed out that Congress has appropriated for the Navy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918, the vast sum of \$1,040,000,000, and has authorized contracts for the Navy in addition to this amounting to \$271,000,000.

"The legislation for the increase of the Navy in material and personnel and changing and reorganizing its management has practically created an entirely new navy," said Senator Swanson. "Its increase in efficiency has been as marked as its increase in size. Marksmanship and the records of officers and men have improved and their efficiency in every respect become greater."

Three Times Number of Ships.

"There are three times as many vessels in the navy as there were when the United States entered the war. Every battleship and cruiser that was in the navy at that time has been replaced by a more modern and more powerful vessel. Many hundreds of vessels and fast motor craft have been surveyed, taken over and converted into patrol boats. Many vessels have been completed since the war began by hurried construction and have been added to the fleet. More than 250 merchant vessels have been armed with naval guns and supplied with naval equipment. The American fleet has been provided with supplies and ammunition and made ready for action for any emergency that might be made upon it.

"In addition to getting ready the fleet existing, the Navy Department is also carrying out a vast ship construction program in the history of any nation. It has now in process of construction 187 submarines, extending from superdreadnaughts to submarine chasers. The total cost of those under construction at present is estimated at more than \$1,150,000,000.

Destroyer Fleet to Be Largest.

"Arrangements were recently made for building a large number of destroyers, in addition to the many already under construction, and these, when finished, will give us the largest fleet of destroyers of any navy in the world. These destroyers are indispensable for protecting our commerce and destroying the commerce of our enemies. Formerly it took twenty months to construct a destroyer. Arrangements are now made for these to be constructed within ten months.

FOR PRIVATE CONTROL.

Railroad Company in Mexico to Discuss Arrangements for Change.

MEXICO, November 24.—The question of returning to private control the National Railways of Mexico, which for some time have been operated by the constitutional government, was taken up at a meeting yesterday of the directors of the company. Carlos Dasave y Del Castillo Negrete, chairman of the board of directors, and Luis Cabrera, minister of finance and a member of the board, will go shortly to New York to discuss arrangements for reversion of control by the company.

Gompers to Speak Victory Day.

TORONTO, Ont., November 24.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has accepted the invitation of the victory loan publicity committee to take part in the labor demonstration here on Victory day, November 28. He will speak in the evening.

Baby Headed By Cuticura

Two year old girl in terrible fix. Broke out with red pimples on legs. Turned to white blisters spreading all over her. Nearly crazy from itching. Never had a night's rest with her for weeks. One box Cuticura Ointment and one cake Soap entirely healed her.

From signed statement of Mrs. Della Spearman, R. 4, Box 5, Coffeyville, Mo., March 23, 1917.

Her baby had been suffering by using Cuticura for every-day toilet purposes, the Soap to cleanse and purify the pores, with touches of Ointment now and then as needed to soothe and heal the first signs of eczema, rash, dandruff and pimples. Do not confound these delicate, fragrant, super-creamy emollients with coarsely medicated, often dangerous preparations urged as substitutes.

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CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Dr. F. B. Kingsbury of the University of Minnesota, who has been commissioned first lieutenant in the Supply Corps of the Army, has been granted a leave of absence for the duration of the war. He will be directly under Maj. John R. Murlin of the food division. His work at first will be in the medical school.

A musical for the blind is to be given at the Library of Congress Tuesday evening at 8:15 in pavilion 7. The program will be given by Gustave Weckel, pianist, and Jerome Krick, violinist.

Dr. Alexander Hamilton Rice, the explorer who has been commissioned senior lieutenant in the Naval Reserve, will have charge of the departments of astronomy and navigation at the Naval Cadet School, at Newport, R. I.

Charles Wooster, fifty-eight years old, was found dead with a gas tube in his mouth in the bathroom of his home at 1006 I street southeast shortly before noon yesterday. He was found by his wife, Carrie Wooster, who detected the odor of gas. The police say they learned Mr. Wooster had been in ill health and was under a doctor's care.

Open house is to be observed tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock at the Young Women's Hebrew Association, 14th and U streets. All are invited.

A report of the White Cross free employment bureau, 1455 Wisconsin, says P. W. Drew is president, showed that 1,000 colored people had obtained employment through this bureau was made Friday by its bureau. It also stated 100 colored women wanted work.

A special sermon is to be given at this evening's services at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, of which Rev. C. M. Tanner is pastor.

The search for Herman Kabansky, who escaped Wednesday from the District reformatory at Lorton, Va., where he was serving a life sentence for murder, was given impetus yesterday by a report from Alexandria that the fugitive had been seen in that city. The man had on blue overalls and a brown coat.

Members of the Tuskegee Alumni Club were urged to do greater things for their school and country by Emmet J. Scott of Tuskegee in an address at Howard University Friday evening.

A meeting of the Junior Suffrage League is to be held tomorrow afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30 o'clock at National American Woman Suffrage Association headquarters, 1626 Rhode Island avenue. This will be the first of a series of weekly meetings at that location under the leadership of Mrs. George W. Nasmith, who will conduct a class on civil government.

Officers are to be installed at a meeting of the Handie Highlands Citizens' Association tomorrow evening.

Henry G. Keene and T. B. Boone are to represent the Samuel P. Miller Debating Society at an interclass debate with the Richard H. Alvey Debating Society Saturday evening. The subject of the debate will be "That there should be universal military training in the United States after the war." The Richard H. Alvey Society, representing the freshmen of the National University, will support the affirmative.

John W. Keyes, who has just been elected president of the Professional Chauffeurs' Association of the District of Columbia, left yesterday for Mount Clemens, Mich., to assume the position of motor instructor of the United States Army. An important meeting of the association will be held Friday at 8 o'clock in the clubrooms, 1107 14th street northwest.

8,900-TON SHIP LAUNCHED.

First Vessel Built in Entirety for U. S. Shipping Board.

A PACIFIC PORT, November 24.—An 8,900-ton steel freighter, the first vessel built in its entirety for the United States Shipping Board, slid from the ways of a shipyard here today. The boat was christened by the wife of the governor of the state and bore the name of the city in which it was built. The vessel was launched exactly seventy-eight days from the time its keel was laid.

Khaki-Clad Beaux In Throng at Ball

Social Function Under the Auspices of 1st D. C. Ambulance Corps.

BELLES OF YOUNGER CIRCLE

Khaki-clad beaux predominated at the ball given by the debutantes of Washington at the Willard last night under the auspices of the 1st Ambulance Corps of the District of Columbia. There was a fringe of men in conventional evening dress, but the uniformed men were so greatly in the majority that they gave distinctive color and character to the assemblage. The Stars and Stripes draped the long ballroom, emphasizing the patriotic features of the occasion, and patriotic airs were played at intervals.

The ball, which opened with military precision at 9 o'clock and lasted until midnight, was altogether informal. There was no receiving line. Dr. Ryan Devereux, head of the Ambulance Corps, who came down from Allentown, Pa., where the corps has been in training since the early summer, in order to be present at last night's ball, and Mrs. Devereux, constituting the nearest approach to any formal day, accompanied him to the ball. He was accompanied by a number of the men of the corps, all of whom attended the ball with him.

Parties in the Boxes.

Many smart parties filled the boxes, either looking on or actively participating in the animated scene which the ballroom floor presented. Most of the belles were from the younger circles of society, including a number who were to have made their debuts this winter or will be included in the debutantes of next year. Their simple, pretty frocks and their charming youthfulness helped to make the ball one of the most attractive ever given at Washington.

While there was no supper served there were a number of supper parties made up to precede or to follow the ball. The dancing was over by midnight.

The box holders were Mr. and Mrs. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jeffords, Mr. and Mrs. Akie Wichfield, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Baruch, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel P. Ficklen, Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Elkins, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Stapleton, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Raynor, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lester, Mr. and Mrs. Newcomb, Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins, Mrs. Delos Blodgett, Mrs. McMillan Gibson, Mrs. Frances B. Moran, Mrs. Marshall Field, the minister from Panama and Mme. Porras, and Mr. William Erin Fowler.

Mr. and Mrs. Gladys Hincley were guests in Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins' box. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson Gibson had a party with them in their box, including Mrs. Hart Gibson, Miss Burditt, Mr. Amberg, Miss Mary Duncan Gibson and their son, Randall Lee Gibson. Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Elkins entertained Mr. and Mrs. Richardson Gibson, Mrs. Clarence Edwards and others in their box.

Mrs. McMillan Gibson's box was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Hitt, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grew, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore, and Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Jordan. Mrs. Gibson was unable to attend because of the serious illness of her grandmother, Mrs. James McMillan.

Mrs. Delos Blodgett had with her in her box Mrs. Charles Graves Matthews, Miss Helen Blodgett, Miss Mona Blodgett, Dr. White of New York, Maj. Hurley of the Reserve Corps, Col. Denny and Mr. Redard.

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Raynor entertained in their box Mrs. Isador Rayner.

Mrs. Gilbert Pearson of New York, Capt. and Mrs. William F. Bevan and Mr. and Mrs. William Eric Fowler had a party in their box which included Mrs. Charles B. Howry, Miss Elizabeth Howry, Miss Caroline Ogden Jones, Col. William Horton and Capt. J. Kilpatrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel P. Ficklen entertained in their box Maj. and Mrs. Harlow, Dr. and Mrs. W. Thornwall Davis, Miss Davette Ficklen and Lieut. Clifton B. Capen.

Mrs. Françoise Berger Moran entertained a large party in her box which included Mrs. and Mr. Milton Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm S. McConne, Mrs. Horace G. Macfarland, Lieut. Wende and a number of British and French officers.

Some of the Gowns.

While the dressing among the younger girls present was very appropriately simple, some handsome gowns were worn by their elders.

Mme. de Porras was in silver cloth and primrose velvet veiled in tulle. Mme. Luz Mendes wore black velvet and monochrome de sole.

Mrs. Blaine Elkins wore a stunning gown of black velvet.

Mrs. Robert A. Owen, rose chiffon velvet trimmed with brown fur and silver.

Mrs. John Cameron Hawkins, orange velvet and chiffon bordered with sable, and Mrs. Devereux, black velvet with insets of silver lace.

Miss Margaret Devereux, blue satin. Miss Katherine Beach, pink and lavender tulle.

Miss Elizabeth Beach, black tulle.

Mrs. Elizabeth Beach, black tulle. The Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Lane, who was among the younger girls present, wore a charmingly youthful frock of green tulle combined with silver lace.

Mrs. Frances Jane Rayner wore a gown of variegated net with opalescent trimming.

Miss Gibson in Taffeta and Lace.

Miss Mary Duncan Gibson wore a charming gown of pink taffeta and silver lace.

Miss Marie Sims wore a becoming black gown with a long train, lined with black cloth.

Miss Edith Sims, silver and white tulle. Miss Nellie Johnson, peachbloss satin and pink tulle, elaborately embroidered, with long tulle angel sleeves.

Mrs. Samuel P. Ficklen wore a stunning gown of black tulle over cloth of gold.

Mrs. Ficklen was in white satin and gothic crepe with pearl and rhinestone trimming and carrying an orchid ostrich feather fan.

Miss McCallum in Muslin.

Miss Cecilia McCallum wore a charming white muslin and lace gown.

Miss Phoebe Walker was in watermelon pink tulle over silver cloth of the same shade.

Mrs. Bessie Edwards, blue tulle with ruffles of silver lace.

Miss Kathleen Lester, silver lace, combined with rose-colored tulle.

Miss Anne Hopkins, old rose satin embroidered in silver.

Mrs. Amy Bennett was in pale yellow tulle over an underdress of white lace.

Mrs. Margaret McChord wore silver tulle over cloth of silver.

Misses Margaret and Adelaide Tuttle were dressed alike in charming gowns of turquoise blue velvet and tulle.

Mrs. Aldis B. Browne, black satin and tulle.

Mrs. Mary Browne, gold colored satin, trimmed with silver lace.

Mrs. Charles K. Koonen, black lace and net, embroidered in blue sequins and mounted on black satin.

Miss Elizabeth Koonen, white chiffon, embroidered with silver and black.

Miss Josephine Bridget, old rose tulle over cloth of silver.

Mrs. Charles B. Howry, black velvet and tulle.

Miss Elizabeth Howry, blue velvet.

Mrs. Françoise Berger Moran, pink satin bordered in silver and mounted on silver lace.

Mrs. Malcolm S. McCombe, cloth of gold, with a drape of silver cloth.

Mrs. Horace G. Macfarland, black satin with an overdress of black tulle, having deep panels of jet on the skirt, a jet bodice and long tulle wing sleeves.

In Taffeta and Gold Lace.

Miss Salina Calvo, in canary taffeta

RESTRICTS MEAT PROFITS OF PACKERS TO CUT THE PRICES

By the Associated Press. CHICAGO, November 24.—Regulation of the packing industry, effective December 1, so the price of meat to the retailer and consumer may be both stable and cheaper, was announced today by Joseph P. Cotton, chief of the meat division of the United States food administration.

In accordance with the policy of the administration to abolish speculation and unfair profits, Mr. Cotton in his statement to the packers declared profits in the meat business must in no case exceed 25 per cent of the sales.

Moreover, the annual earnings of the five big packers cannot exceed 9 per cent on the average capital used in the business, it being pointed out in this connection that these five concerns have diversified business adjuncts that are outgrowths of but not necessarily a part of the packing and smoking of meat.

Detailed rules and regulations are to be issued to define the general principles outlined and to prevent diversions or concealments of profits and packers' accounts are to be subject to inspection at all times, Mr. Cotton said. He also declared his intention to protect the small packers, and asserted the adjustment of pork prices at the expense of beef or mutton is not to be permitted, or vice versa.

Restricts Packers' Earnings. "The system of regulation which restricts the earnings of the small packer must be simple and easy to apply," says Mr. Cotton's statement.

Mr. Cotton declared that on the specialty business the large packer should not be allowed to make a total profit excessive of 15 per cent on his investment.

The five large packers referred to are Armour & Co., Cudahy & Co., Morris & Co., Swift & Co., and Wilson & Co.

PAPERS IN TRUNK RESULT IN ARCTIC EXPLORER'S ARREST

By the Associated Press. NEW YORK, November 24.—Capt. Frank E. Klein Schmidt, widely known as an Arctic explorer, was arrested here tonight by detectives attached to the "bomb squad" on the technical charge of having a revolver in his possession.

The detectives seized a trunk in which they said they found the revolver, a dirk and a quantity of papers. In the trunk also was a scrapbook containing newspaper clippings, one of which showed a picture of Capt. Klein Schmidt with a group of Austrian officers about to make an ascent in a dirigible balloon over the war front.

Released on \$500 Bond. Klein Schmidt, who gave his age as forty-six years, was arraigned in men's night court and released on \$500 bail for a further examination tomorrow night. He is living at the Hotel Astor.

Klein Schmidt returned to the United States February, 1916, after having spent sixteen months with Austro-German forces on three war fronts. He gave many lectures on his experiences, illustrating them with motion pictures taken on the eastern front.

with gold lace; Mrs. Howard Hume, in black net made in flounces; Mrs. Woolley, in black net with a girdle of gold cloth and gold roses catching the drape; Mrs. Charles W. Fairfax, in supphire blue tulle and taffeta with iridescent trimming; Mrs. Ben Johnson, in gray satin with gold embroidery on the bodice; Mrs. Clarence Edwards, in rose taffeta with a fishtail train and embroidery of gold beads; Mrs. Delos Blodgett, in black satin and jet; Mrs. Charles Graves Matthews, in mauve chiffon and silver lace; Miss Helen Blodgett, in silver cloth and white tulle; Miss Mona Blodgett, in white satin and tulle; Miss Reeves Harris, in American beauty tulle over taffeta; Miss Julia Whiting, in orchid satin, draped with white lace caught up with pansies; Miss Adelaide Heath, in black satin and tulle with an American beauty ostrich fan; Miss Ellsworth Newcomb, Miss Winifred Newcomb.

Tulle and Satin Effects. Mrs. Arthur Lee, black tulle and satin; Mrs. Reynolds Hitt, pompadour tulle; Mrs. Roscoe E. Bulmer, black velvet and tulle with a cerise ostrich feather fan; Miss Catherine Harlow, cherry taffeta and tulle; Miss Pauline Kindelberger, black velvet and tulle with jet trimming; Miss Beatrice Fairfax, blue taffeta and lace; Mrs. Alice Grace, black velvet and tulle with a large black feather fan; Mrs. Walter Wells, black net over turquoise blue silver cloth; Mrs. Alton Connolly, black velvet with strands of jet; Miss Anna Hamilton, erise satin and tulle; Miss Ruth Daniel, pink satin over white lace; Miss Sarah Daniel, rose-colored satin

and silver cloth with facings of blue satin; Miss Ruth Hittcock, pastel shaded tulle over silver cloth with silver sequin trimming; Miss Mary Graham, black tulle over black satin with touches of silver.

Army Men Present. Lieut. Adam Kemble, Lieut. Hutch Carter, Mr. Houston H. Driggs, Mr. Ballard Moore, Mr. Angelo Conti, Lieut. Larkin Claguebrook, Lieut. Cochran, U. S. A., Mr. Herbert Hensler, Sergt. Alexander Mosher, Sergt. B. Berry, Sergt. McGuire, Sergt. Crawford, Sergt. Cord, Sergt. Chapman and Private Bernard Bridget, Joseph Calvo, Douglas MacCall, Robert Stead, Philip Powle, Elphaleet F. Andrews, E. V. Weems, Karl Kindelberger, Larry Doyle, Willis Cornish, Bernard Groves, Geoffrey Powell and Morris Geddis, U. S. N.

List of Patronesses. The ball was given under the patronage of a number of prominent Washington women. Mrs. William G. McAdoo and Mrs. Newton D. Baker head the list. Among the others are Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins, Mme. Porras, Mrs. Edson Bradley, Mrs. Delos Blodgett, Mrs. Marshall Field, Mrs. Joseph H. Edson, Mrs. Charles B. Howry, Mrs. Blaine Elkins, Mrs. Bernard Baruch, Mrs. George Barnett, Mrs. Winfield, Mrs. Misses Riggs, Mrs. William C. Goring, Mrs. L. B. Larrabee, Mrs. Howard Coffin, Mrs. Ryan Devereux and Mrs. F. B. Moran. The pro-

PLASTIC FOOD MODELS ON EXHIBITION AT LIBRARY

Meats, Fats, Sugars, Fruits and Vegetables Classified for Public Information.

Housekeepers are invited to the Public Library to view the plastic models of portions of food materials, which have been rearranged in the exhibit case. It is announced.

In one side of the case the models are arranged to illustrate the five groups of nutrients, the meats and the meat substitutes; the fats, the cereal products, the sugar and other sweets, the fruits and vegetables. In the other side they are arranged to show the three meals for a day, and illustrate the following points which the housewife must consider when planning her meals:

A representative from each group must be served each day.

A cereal other than wheat to be used for breakfast cereal.

A laxative fruit for breakfast.

Use of fish instead of meat for breakfast.

Use of a vegetable puree as the hot dish for luncheon.

Use of sweet fruits and jellies for dessert.

Use of a greater number of vegetables at dinner to replace wheat.

Use of one-third part of butter.

TO ENTER AVIATION SCHOOL.

Special Dispatch to The Star. CAMP MEADE, Md., November 24.—Twenty-two men from the District of Columbia left here today for San Antonio, Tex., to enter the government aviation school there. They are E. C. Green, R. L. Bonner, W. A. Lyon, Richard O'Dea, R. T. Bryan, L. A. Thompson, R. W. Darr, G. A. Young, R. L. Kummer, Fred Goetz, Clarence J. Homan, Bernard J. Farrell, Willard Unruh, G. W. Bodey, Charles Bray, Arthur Swares, Peter Zurawsky, James H. Crawford, Dan McCloskey, P. J. Coyne, John Ryan and J. D. Stunket. These men are part of a detachment of 400 which left here today for the aviation school.

LIFTS EMBARGO ON POTATOES. PHILADELPHIA, November 24.—The Pennsylvania railroad today lifted the embargo on shipments of potatoes to Philadelphia. Orders were sent to all points and connecting lines in the potato-producing territory to resume acceptance of shipments at once. It is expected that by Monday movement will again be normal.

Howard Heinze, state food administrator, requested the railroad yesterday to lift their embargoes on potato and green food shipments.

PRICE OF TURKEYS BOOSTED. CHICAGO, November 24.—Fresh turkeys were boosted 1 cent a pound today by the price committee of the state food administrator, the price to consumers being fixed at 42 cents.

Fifteen cars of potatoes which have been on Chicago switch tracks for thirty days were discovered today. They were consigned to speculators and the demurrage charges had been paid. An effort will be made to find the owners.

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Today it is an acknowledged fact that motor trucks equipped with our Cord Pneumatic Truck Tires can be operated at a greatly increased speed with absolute safety and economy.

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In every way the new revolutionary United States 'Nobby' Cord Pneumatic Truck Tire goes to the heart of the nation's vital transportation problem—makes it easier, cheaper, quicker for you to fulfill your transportation obligations.

Some trucks can't use pneumatic tires, but eighty per cent. can—can you?

If you can, you can save money on gasoline, oil and truck upkeep, and at the same time increase your truck efficiency.

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About sixty per cent. of commercial cars today use pneumatic tires—of woven fabric construction—and United States Woven Fabric Pneumatic Tires have made a phenomenal record—just as United States Solid Truck Tires have made such phenomenal records on the other forty per cent. of commercial cars.

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With this result—he averaged seven miles per gallon of gasoline; thirty-three miles per quart of oil;—and at the end of the trip the truck was still in practically as good condition as when it started.